

Spring Banquet



Potomac State College

Social Club

1986



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honoring

RETIREMENT

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25 YEARS

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POTOMAC MOTEL
KEYSER, WEST VIRGINIA

MAY 3, 1986

6:30 P.M.

PROGRAM

*Master of Ceremonies
and Welcome*

Larry Bolyard

Invocation

Betty Howard

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

TESTIMONIALS

Mary Evelyn Coffman

Mary Shipper Byrer

Jack Hartman

Abraham Evans

Violet Staggs

Lester Beavers

Frank Stewart

Alyce Mae Smith

Ora Thomas

Peter Paulson

Charles Whitehill

Richard Davis

Remarks

James L. McBee, Jr.

MARY EVELYN COFFMAN

Retiring after twenty-five years with the college, Mary Evelyn Coffman has served as Director of Alumni Affairs and a member of the Board of Directors of the Potomac State College Foundation. Born in Keyser, Mrs. Coffman is a graduate of Keyser High School and Potomac State.

After marriage to Dr. Robert T. Coffman, Mrs. Coffman became a resident of Baltimore, where she attended Strayer Business College. She also held positions as a secretary, bookkeeper, and office machines instructor. Along with these activities, she substituted as church organist through the Peabody Choir Bureau.

Mrs. Coffman has demonstrated an enduring devotion to music. While a student at Potomac State, she assisted the music department by accompanying the glee club, as well as playing for a college radio program over WTBO in Cumberland. Upon her return to Keyser, she has been organist for college convocations and graduations and has accompanied the Singers on one of their spring tours. She has given private music lessons and been organist for the Trinity Lutheran Church, as well as director of the Junior and Young People's Choir.

A life-long member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mrs. Coffman has served as a Sunday school teacher. She has also been a member of the Young Women's Missionary Society and the Lutheran Church Women.

Mary Evelyn's two daughters, Nancy Lee Howard and Barbara Ann Gellner, both attended Potomac State and graduated from West Virginia University. Nancy Lee is customer service supervisor in the marketing department of the Newport News Cablevision Company. Barbara Ann is a member of the faculty of Sistersville, West Virginia, High School. Mrs. Coffman has five grandchildren, Christopher and Merrilee Howard, and Jamie, Bobby, and Matt Gellner. Mary Evelyn's brother, Richard A. Sliger, former president of the Potomac State College Alumni Association, now resides in Frederick, Maryland.

JACK M. HARTMAN

A native of Elkins, West Virginia, Jack Hartman attended public schools in Elkins, Franklin, and Circleville before graduating from Moorefield High School. He attended Potomac State and received an A.B. degree with honors from West Virginia University. Professor Hartman received an M.S. in counseling from WVU in 1959.

Previous to his career in education, Professor Hartman held a number of jobs, including cutting timber and driving an eighteen-wheeler. He also was employed as a guard and identification officer at the Medium Security Prison at Huttonsville, West Virginia. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952.

At Potomac State, Professor Hartman has served as professor of psychology, director of the Counseling Center, and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. In addition, he has chaired numerous committees and has served as president of the Faculty Club. In 1970, he conducted a research study and prepared a report commissioned by the Board of Regents that was used as a partial basis for determining the need for community colleges in the state.

In 1972, with the assistance of students enrolled in the applied psychology course, Professor Hartman conducted a survey of manpower and training needs in the Keyser-Tri-Towns area resulting in the publication of a manual that has proved to be a useful tool in counseling students. He was also instrumental in securing the necessary equipment for the initiation of the psychology laboratory.

Professor Hartman has been elected to membership in Sigma Phi Omega, the Spanish honorary La Tertulia, and the national psychology honorary. He is a member of The American Association for Counseling and Development, the West Virginia Personnel and Guidance Association, and the West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Jack is past president of the Keyser Rotary Club. In addition, he holds many Masonic affiliations, including member and Past Master of Davis Lodge #51, Knight Commander of the Scottish Rite, and member of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Ali Ghan Shrine Temple.

Retiring after twenty-seven years of service to Potomac State, Jack and wife Helen, formerly secretary to the Executive Dean, plan to travel. Jack's daughter Anita is presently employed at the Finan Center in Cumberland, Maryland.

VIOLET G. STAGGS

Born in Martin, West Virginia, Violet Staggs retired in August 1985 after twenty-two years of service at Potomac State.

Having attended Grant County Schools in Martin, Mrs. Staggs began work as a seamstress in both Keyser and in Salem, Virginia. She also worked in Roanoke before coming to the college as custodian in Reynolds Hall.

Violet and her husband Robert have five children-- Roger, Diana, Mickey, Anita, and Nancy. All five children and ten grandchildren have remained in Keyser and live close to their parents' home.

Mrs. Staggs is a member of the Potomac Highlands Baptist Church in New Creek. Among her hobbies is working with flowers. She has a special interest in raising African violets.

FRANK H. STEWART

Coming to the college in 1961, Frank Stewart is celebrating his twenty-fifth year at Potomac State. He has served as Food Service Worker II (a member of the food service staff) at the college cafeteria since 1979.

Mr. Stewart was born in Keyser and attended Howard High School in Piedmont. He served two years in the U.S. Army. Mr. Stewart resided and worked in Philadelphia before becoming employed by Stewart's Restaurant in Luke, Maryland.

One of six children, Frank has three brothers and two sisters. William and Charles presently reside in the Keyser-Piedmont area. Norman lives in Charleston, West Virginia. Alma Walker is a resident of Piedmont, and Aeolia Harris lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

ORA A. THOMAS

Retiring after twelve years of service, Ora Thomas has been Dispensary Nurse at the college since 1973. Mrs. Thomas was born in Westernport, Maryland, and graduated from Bruce High School. She received a degree in nursing from Saint Mary's Hospital.

Before joining the college, Mrs. Thomas worked in general and private duty at Potomac Valley Hospital and as an office nurse for Dr. Robert W. Bess, Sr.

Mrs. Thomas enjoys numerous hobbies, such as sewing, reading, and gardening. Chief among these is travel. She has just returned from a cross-country trip to California. Formerly a member of many organizations, she now plans to keep her time free in order to enjoy more travel during her retirement.

Ora and husband Harry have two daughters--Barbara Wilson and Donna Burdock--and two sons--William and Kenneth. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the grandparents of four grandsons--Charlie, Chris, Scott, and Mark.

CHARLES D. WHITEHILL

Completing twenty-five years of service to the college, Charles D. Whitehill was born in Wana, West Virginia, and received his public school education in Morgantown. He went on to receive his B.M., M.M. and Ph.D. degrees from West Virginia University.

A member of the music faculty since 1961, Dr. Whitehill previously taught at Clay-Battelle and Belington high schools in West Virginia, as well as in public schools in West Palm Beach, Florida. At Potomac State Dr. Whitehill has served as chair of the music department and has been Chairperson of the Division of Arts and Humanities since 1975. He received the Outstanding Teacher award for 1971 and was recently presented a plaque for his support of the Region VIII Bandmasters Clinic Band. Along with his work in the classroom, he directs the college's instrumental ensembles and the highly successful College-Community Concert Band.

Dr. Whitehill is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, West Virginia Band Masters, and West Virginia College Music Educators. He is sponsor of the student chapter of West Virginia Music Educators. He is also one of the founding members of Highland Arts Unlimited. On numerous occasions, Dr. Whitehill has served as band and solo/ensemble adjudicator and as guest conductor and clinician. He is a co-founder of Highland Jazz, which he has also conducted.

With the honorary title of vice-president, Charlie has provided some assistance to his wife Becky in the West-Whitehill Winery. Recent awards attest to the quality of her efforts. Son Rhodes is a musician with the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Annapolis.

POTOMAC STATE '86

SOCIAL CLUB

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To

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for floral arrangements

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for program composition

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for photographs

A ROSTER OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE
FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OR MORE

*Ida Menefee	1902-1934
*William D. Anthony	1913-1946
*Rebecca Z. Carroll	1924-1966
*Ernest Kissinger	1935-1970
*Dana G. Lough	1935-1970
*Gertrude S. Stanhagen	1935-1973
*Ernest E. Church	1936-1963
*Kirkland S. McKee	1936-1963
Ervin L. Dayton	1937-1970
*Nancy M. Miller	1937-1967
*Isabella R. Clifford	1938-1970
David G. Nuzum	1938-1977
Mary F. Shipper Byrer	1938-1973
Albert O. Willhide	1938-1943, 1945-1972
Elizabeth Atwater Alexander	1939-1978
Leonard G. Withers	1939-1973
*James T. Handlan, Jr.	1942-1977
*Walter A. Jaworek	1942-1972
*Walter H. Boone	1943-1972
*Viola U. Lough	1943-1970
Leontine B. Nuzum	1943-1973
Richard A. Smith	1945
Helen C. Criner	1946-1978
Paul F. Iverson	1946-1975
William E. Michael	1946-1979
Dewey V. Rotruck	1946-1982
Helen M. Hartman	1946-1947, 1957-1983
Allen E. Murphy	1948-1985
Raymond H. Tasker	1949-1985
*Marion B. Fallon	1950-1956, 1962-1983
Kenneth F. Haines	1952-
Albert A. Strother	1952-1979
*Rosie L. Wilson	1952-1979

* Deceased

<i>Irene B. Hartman</i>	<i>1953-1983</i>
<i>Alan H. Paine</i>	<i>1954-1982</i>
<i>Thelma L. O'Connor</i>	<i>1955-1984</i>
<i>Alyce Mae Smith</i>	<i>1955-1985</i>
<i>Oscar H. Gustafson</i>	<i>1956-</i>
<i>Wayman D. Hoalcraft</i>	<i>1956-</i>
<i>Elizabeth P. Hanlin</i>	<i>1957-1982</i>
<i>*Virginia E. Johnson</i>	<i>1957-1984</i>
<i>*J. Ernest Staggs</i>	<i>1957-1959, 1961-1985</i>
<i>Jack M. Hartman</i>	<i>1959-1986</i>
<i>Kenneth M. Malone</i>	<i>1960-1985</i>
<i>Jasper T. Morris</i>	<i>1960-</i>
<i>Mary Evelyn Coffman</i>	<i>1961-1986</i>
<i>Frank H. Stewart</i>	<i>1961-</i>
<i>Charles D. Whitehill</i>	<i>1961-</i>

* *Deceased*

